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the 320th Main Ration Supply Depot of the GDRG in Frankfurt/Oder, about 300 railroad carloads of food, or approximately 4,000 tons, exclusive of tobacco, were available at this depot on 1 September 1950. * Almost complete coverage of incoming and outgoing rail shipments during the period from 10 September 1950 to 14 September 1951 indicates that 1,643 carloads of food arrived and 1,446 carloads were shipped out. ** This indicates that stocks on hand at the depot have increased by 246 carloads, or about 3,000 tons. Total stocks on hand at the main ration supply depot in Frankfurt/Oder as of 15 September 1951 can therefore be estimated at approximately 7,000 tons of food, exclusive of tobacco. The depot may also be supplied by water. However, such shipments by water have not been observed to date. The previously reported issuance of minor quantities of rations to units stationed in Frankfurt/Oder and its vicinity is immaterial in estimating stocks available at the depot. The 320th Main Ration Supply Depot almost exclusively supplies what are believed to be the army ration supply depots of the Second Gds Mecz Army, Fourth Gds Mecz Army, Third Gds Mecz Army and Eighth Gds Army in Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52), Eberwalde (N 53/V 08) Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) and Erfurt (N 51/J 36) respectively. Taking into account the present strength of these armies, and the issuance of approximately 2,000 grams of rations per capita on the basis of ration scale II, which is probably in use with the Russian field forces in the Russian Zone of Germany, the stocks of approximately 7,000 tons of food stuffs available in Frankfurt/Oder would be adequate to supply the Second, Fourth, Third Gds Mecz Armies and the Eighth Gds Army for about 18.5 days. The stocks kept at the army and division ration supply depots are not included in this estimate. These stocks are believed to be large, at least in the army ration supply depots. It is also notable that about 2,250 tons of flour, which is included in the total stocks of 7,000 tons, were available at the depot on 15 September 1951 in compliance with the order issued in late January 1951 according to which large amounts of flour were to be stockpiled. It is believed that the flour arrived in grain shuttle trains which operated between the U.S.S.R. and the Russian Zone of Germany between February and July 1951. *** These grain shuttle trains were for both military and civilian consumption. From the volume of flour shipments dispatched from the 320th Main Ration Supply Depot to the army ration supply depots, it may be inferred that these installations are also adequately supplied with flour. The tabulation

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on shipments arriving at the main ration supply depot during the last year again indicates that, as before, only items of food are delivered from the U.S.S.R. which are not available in adequate quantities in Germany, for instance tea, rice, buckwheat, makhorka and flour.

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